

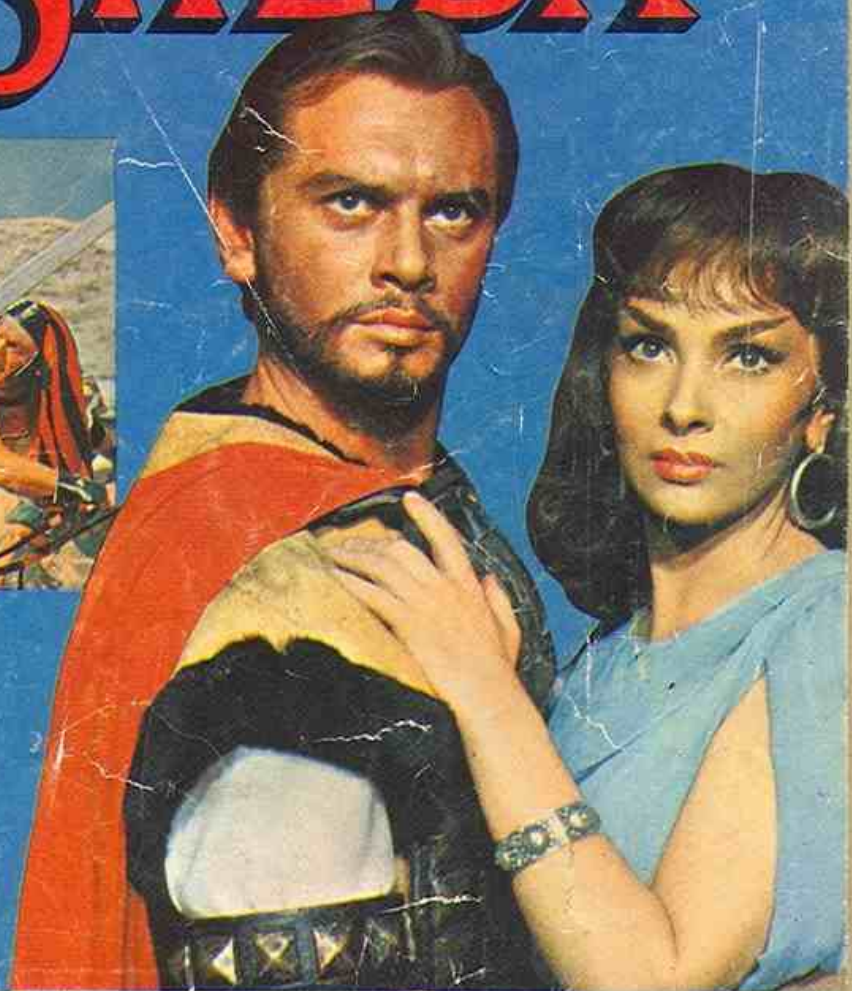
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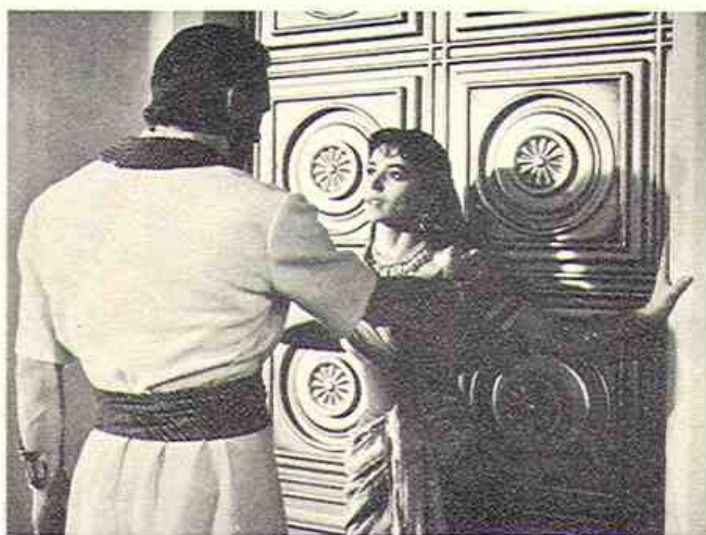
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When the Pharaoh plans an invasion of vigorous Israel, Magda, Queen of Sheba, convinces him she can undermine confidence in Solomon and disunite the country.



Sheba's mission accomplished, Pharaoh attacks. But the Queen repents and prays for forgiveness as Solomon leads a demoralized army to battle.



Miraculously victorious, Solomon finds he has still another enemy. He must fight his jealous brother Adonijah for the throne.



# SOLOMON and SHEBA

A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE  
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, AN  
ISRAELITE BORDER PATROL  
DRIVES BACK AN EGYPTIAN  
RAID — CHARIOTS AND ALL!



THIS IS **MY** KIND OF GAME,  
SOLOMON — THE ROYAL  
GAME — **WAR!**

WE HAVE FOUGHT, AND  
KILLED, AND WON,  
ADONIJAH! BUT I  
NEVER THOUGHT IT A  
A GAME! OUR FATHER,  
KING DAVID —



OUR FATHER IS OLD AND DODDERING! SO, LIKE  
YOU, SOLOMON, HE TALKS AGAINST WAR! —  
COME! OUR FIGHTING MEN  
AWAIT US AT THE TENTS!



**BUT AT THE ROYAL TENT — A SURPRISE!**

WHAT BRINGS THE KING'S CHANCELLOR  
HERE? MORE ORDERS, HEZRAI?

NO, HIGHNESS! YOUR FATHER, KING  
DAVID, LIES AT THE POINT OF  
DEATH! HE MAY NOT LIVE TILL  
MORNING!



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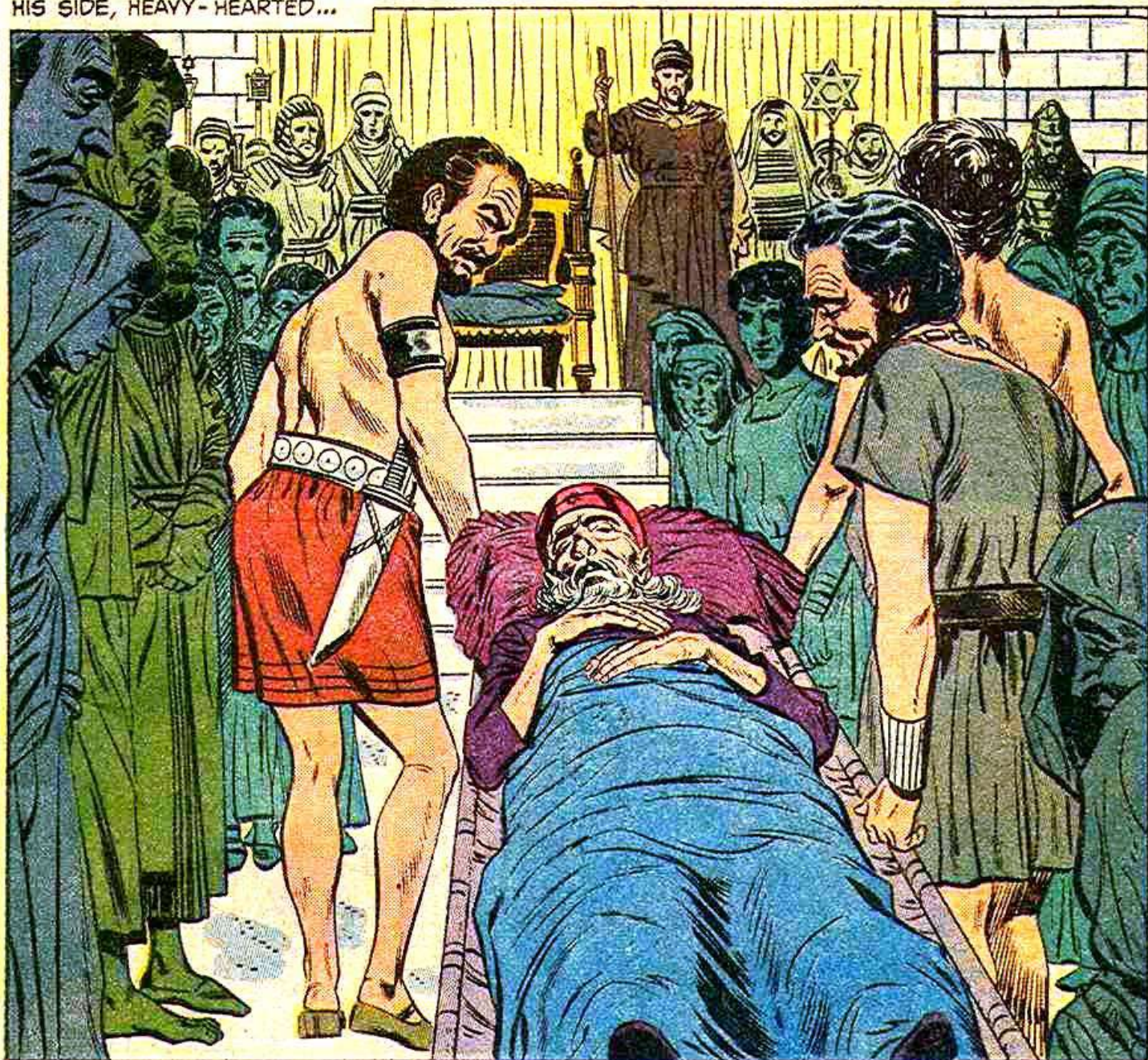


AS DAWN BREAKS OVER JERUSALEM... SOLOMON ARRIVES.





THAT SAME DAY, ISRAEL'S DYING RULER IS CARRIED TO HIS THRONE... WITH YOUNG SOLOMON AT HIS SIDE, HEAVY-HEARTED...



MY FATHER... YOU ARE TOO ILL!

NO! TODAY, **YOU** ARE MY STRENGTH, SOLOMON!



SEE, O MY PEOPLE, THE SYMBOL OF YOUR TWELVE TRIBES, UNITED UNDER MY REIGN! REMAIN UNITED — UNDER HIM WHO SHALL BE KING IN MY PLACE! GOD HAS SHOWN HIM TO ME, IN A VISION!







ADONIJAH! COME NEAR, MY SON! YOU ARE LATE!



SIRE, I HAVE DRIVEN LIKE FURY TO ATTEND THIS COUNCIL!

IT IS WELL! HEAR NOW MY WORDS, ADONIJAH! AS I LAY CLOSE TO DEATH, THE LORD GOD JEHOVAH SPOKE TO ME, SAYING, "BEHOLD, A SON HATH BEEN BORN UNTO THEE..."



"...A SON WHO IS A MAN OF PEACE — SOLOMON!" I WILL ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM FOREVER!"

WHAT? SOLOMON? — BUT THE THRONE IS *MINE*, AS YOUR ELDER SON! *MINE!*



YIELD, ADONIJAH, TO THE WILL OF *GOD*! YIELD TO SOLOMON —!

NEVER! THE KINGDOM IS MINE, AND I WILL FIGHT FOR IT!



NOW, LORD GOD, IT IS REVEALED — OUT OF THE MOUTH OF ADONIJAH HIMSELF — WHY THOU HAST TURNED THY FACE FROM HIM! WONDROUS ARE THY WORKS!





THE ANGEL OF DEATH HOVERS OVER ME! O SOLOMON, MY SON, ONE THING WEIGHS HEAVY ON MY SOUL... THE UNBUILT TEMPLE TO JEHOVAH—MY BROKEN VOW!

I PROMISE YOU, MY FATHER... IT SHALL BE BUILT!

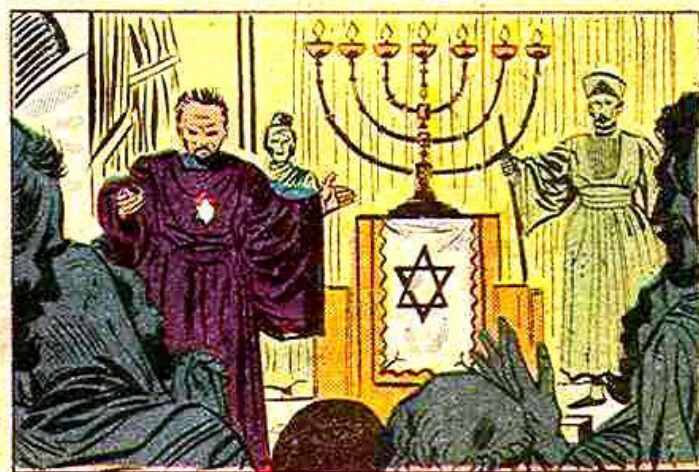


BE STRONG, MY SON... AND OF GOOD COURAGE..!



O LORD, MY GOD, THOU HAST MADE THY SERVANT KING IN PLACE OF DAVID MY FATHER! GIVE ME AN UNDERSTANDING HEART, THAT I MAY JUDGE THY PEOPLE!

WITH THE GUIDANCE OF THE LORD, SOLOMON RULES WISELY AND WELL, MAKING ISRAEL STRONGER AND MORE PROSPEROUS THAN EVER. WITHIN A FEW YEARS, TRUE TO HIS PROMISE TO HIS DYING FATHER, SOLOMON DEDICATES HIS MAGNIFICENT TEMPLE...



LATER... IN THE COURT OF PHARAOH, KING OF EGYPT...



THIS **SOLOMON** HAS MADE ISRAEL TOO STRONG! HE IS A THREAT TO YOU, EGLON OF MOAB — AND TO YOU, KALDU OF CHALDEA — AND TO YOU, MAGDA, QUEEN OF SHEBA!

...AND ESPECIALLY TO **YOU**, O PHARAOH!



BUT I HAVE A PLAN TO DESTROY SOLOMON FOR YOU—AT A PRICE! IT WILL BE HIGH—THE PORT OF MELISH ON THE RED SEA—BUT YOU CAN AFFORD IT, IF ISRAEL FALLS WITHOUT A WAR!

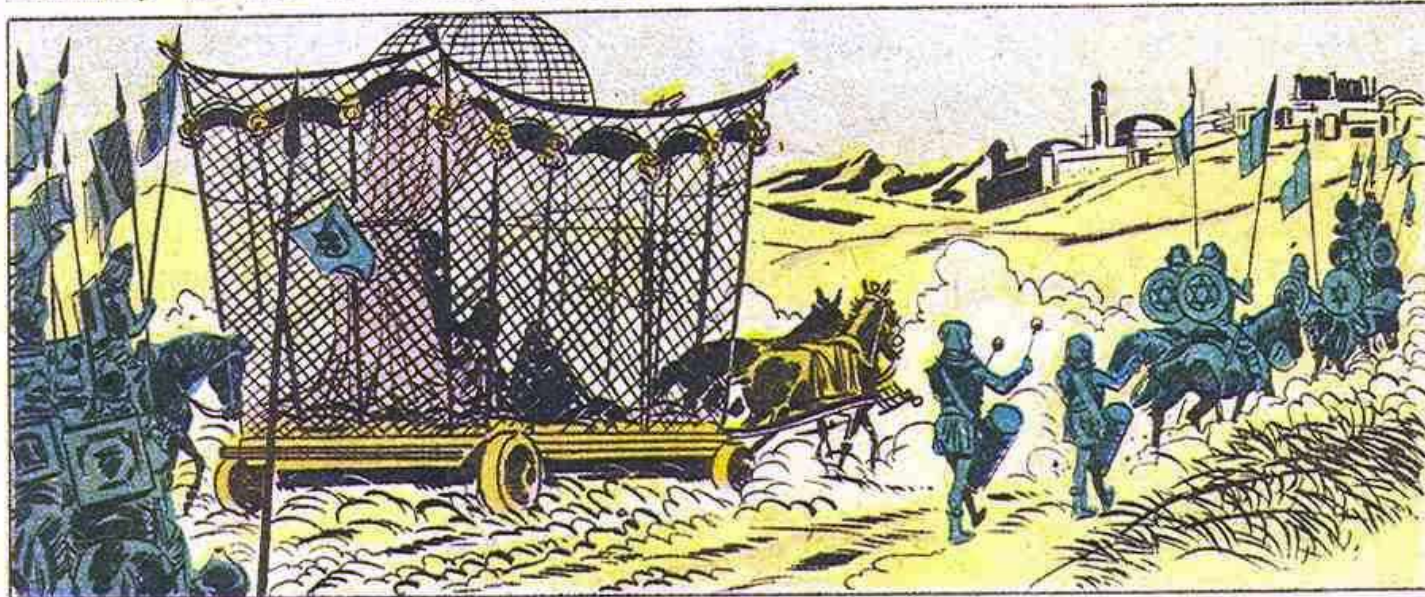
YOUR PLAN, MAGDA—WHAT IS IT?



THE WAY OF A WOMAN, O PHARAOH! I WILL LEARN HIS WEAKNESSES, AND USE **THEM** TO DESTROY HIM! I WILL LEAVE FOR ISRAEL TOMORROW, ON A VISIT OF—AH—**GOOD WILL!**



PRECEDED BY AN ISRAELITE GUARD OF HONOR, THE QUEEN OF SHEBA NEARS SOLOMON'S CAPITAL, "THE CITY OF PEACE," CROWNED WITH THE TEMPLE OF JEHOVAH!



A **PAGAN QUEEN**—WELCOMED TO ISRAEL! THAT IS SOMETHING I NEVER THOUGHT TO SEE! AN **ABOMINATION!**

TELL ME THIS, NATHAN—SINCE YOU ARE A PROPHET...



**HOW** CAN A PAGAN QUEEN BE CONVERTED TO THE TRUE GOD, UNLESS SHE IS BROUGHT TO KNOW HIM!





IN FRONT OF THE ROYAL PALACE SHE IS RECEIVED BY THE GREAT KING...

ISRAEL EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME TO YOUR MAJESTY!

I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR MAJESTY'S KINDNESS — AND DAZZLED BY THE SPLENDOR OF YOUR CITY, JERUSALEM!



I LONG TO KNOW IF THE REPORT IS TRUE... THAT KING SOLOMON IS THE WISEST MAN IN ALL THE WORLD!

WHATEVER WISDOM I HAVE IS A GIFT OF GOD! I TAKE NO CREDIT FOR IT!



BUT CHIEFLY I HAVE COME TO SEEK A CLOSER FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US!

AHHH!



LATER... IN SOLOMON'S STUDY...

MY LORD, SINCE I CAME, YEARS AGO INTO YOUR FATHER'S HOUSEHOLD, HAVE I NOT SHARED YOUR THOUGHTS?

YES, CHILD! YOU HAVE BEEN AS A SISTER TO ME, DEAR AND NEAR! BUT NOW, I AM NOT IN A MOOD TO TALK!



OH, MY LORD! I KNOW SHE IS BEAUTIFUL BEYOND WORDS — THE QUEEN OF SHEBA! BUT IN HER BEAUTY THERE IS POWER — TO DESTROY YOU!

ABISHAG! NOW, THIS IS TOO MUCH!





I PRAY YOU, LISTEN, MY LORD! ALREADY NATHAN THE PROPHET, AND ZADOK THE HIGH PRIEST HAVE WARNED YOU—THIS PAGAN QUEEN'S CAMP WITHIN OUR LAND IS AN OFFENSE TO GOD! SHE MAKES SACRIFICE TO IDOLS!

ENOUGH, ABISHAG!



AM I THE KING OF ISRAEL—OR IS NATHAN? OR THE HIGH PRIEST? SHEBA HAS COME ON A MISSION OF **PEACE!** SHE ATTENDS MY COURT **TODAY**—AS AN HONORED GUEST! AND TONIGHT...



...TONIGHT I VISIT HER CAMP, BY HER ROYAL INVITATION!

OH, NO! NO!



FROM THE STEPS OF THE ROYAL PALACE A DAY OF JUDGMENT IS PROCLAIMED...

HEAR, O ISRAEL! TODAY, SOLOMON THE GREAT KING SITS IN JUDGMENT! TODAY, LET HIGH AND LOW, SMALL AND GREAT, BRING THEIR PETITIONS TO THE THRONE!



O MY LORD KING, LEAH AND I DWELL IN THE SAME HOUSE... WE EACH BORE A SON A WEEK AGO! HERS DIED IN THE NIGHT, AND SHE CHANGED HIM, FOR MY LIVING SON—WHOM YOU SEE BEFORE YOU!

SHE LIES! SARAH LIES! THE LIVING CHILD IS MINE!





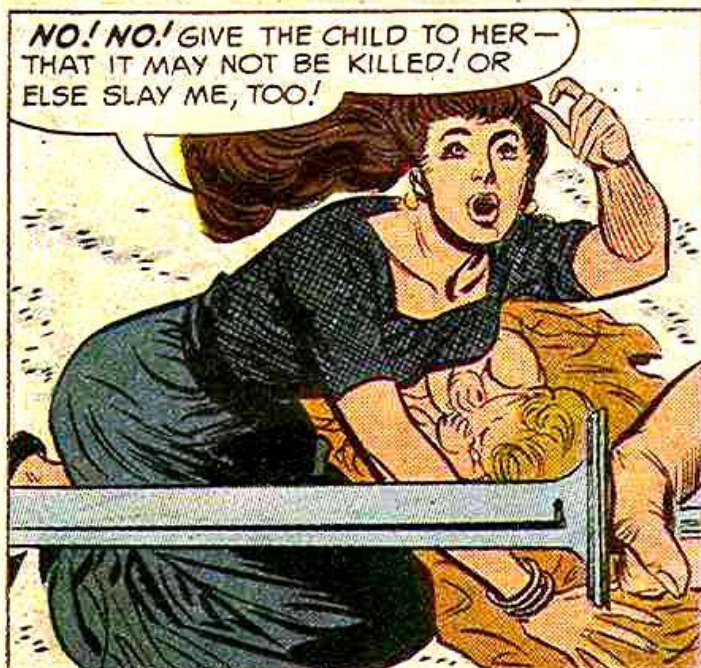
HEZRAI, PLACE THE CHILD ON THE BENCH!  
— JOSIAH, DRAW YOUR SWORD!



DIVIDE THE CHILD INTO TWO PARTS! GIVE  
HALF TO THE ONE WOMAN AND HALF TO  
THE OTHER!



NO! NO! GIVE THE CHILD TO HER—  
THAT IT MAY NOT BE KILLED! OR  
ELSE SLAY ME, TOO!



PUT UP YOUR SWORD,  
JOSIAH! MY JUDGMENT  
HAS BEEN GIVEN!



TAKE YOUR SON, MOTHER — FOR YOU WOULD  
HAVE GIVEN HIM UP RATHER THAN SEE HIM  
HARMED! YOUR ENEMY, LEAH, SHALL HAVE  
PUNISHMENT TO FIT HER LIE!



NOW, AT LAST, I HAVE SEEN THE  
FAMED "JUDGMENT OF SOLOMON!"  
AND MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED!  
THERE IS NO WISDOM LIKE  
YOUR MAJESTY'S WISDOM!

IT IS A  
GIFT OF  
**GOD!**  
LET **HIM**  
BE PRAISED,  
O QUEEN!



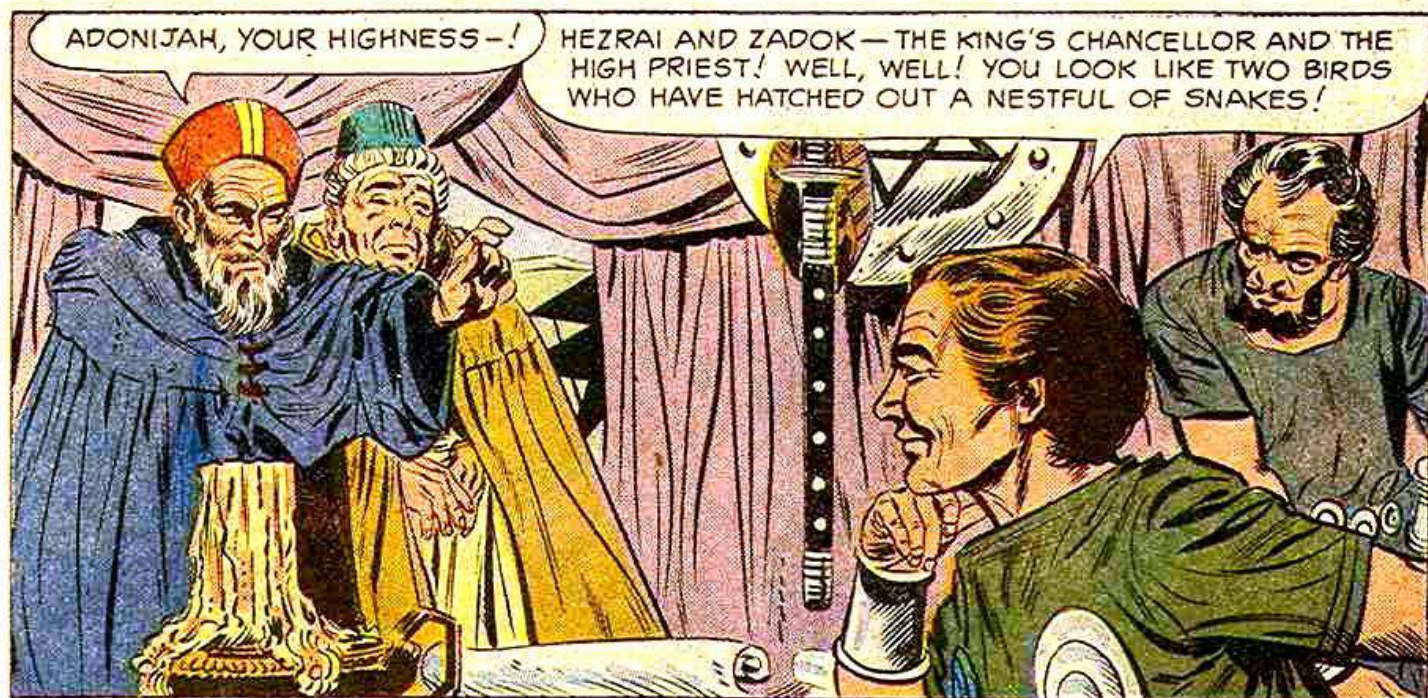












ADONIJAH, YOUR HIGHNESS —!

HEZRAI AND ZADOK — THE KING'S CHANCELLOR AND THE HIGH PRIEST! WELL, WELL! YOU LOOK LIKE TWO BIRDS WHO HAVE HATCHED OUT A NESTFUL OF SNAKES!



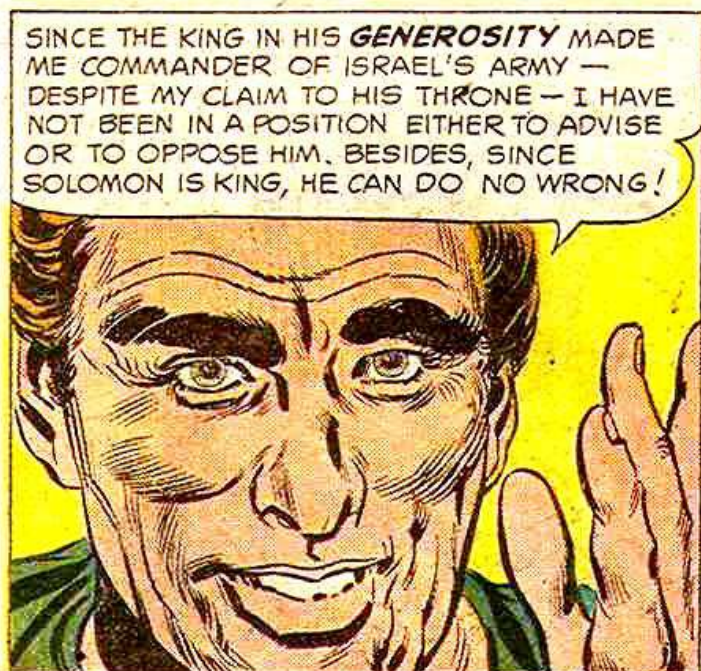
ISRAEL IS IN DANGER — GRAVE DANGER, ADONIJAH! THE KING'S — ASSOCIATION — WITH THE SHEBAN QUEEN HAS BECOME AN OPEN SCANDAL! HE HAS BROUGHT HER — A **PAGAN** — TO LIVE IN THE ROYAL PALACE!

WELL, THAT IS NOT MY AFFAIR, ZADOK!



**SOMETHING** MUST BE DONE — OR GOD WILL PUNISH SOLOMON AND THE NATION WITH HIM! **YOU** REASON WITH HIM, ADONIJAH! PERHAPS —

**NO!** NOT I!



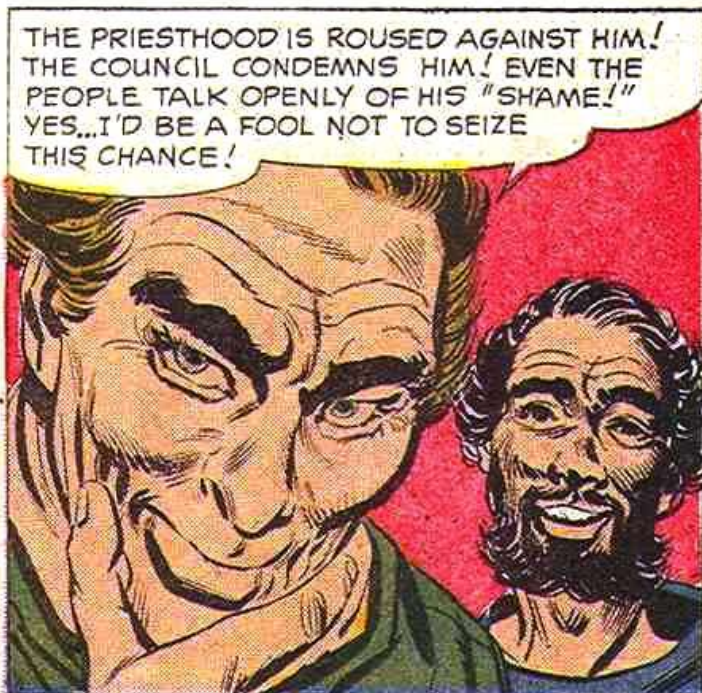
SINCE THE KING IN HIS **GENEROSITY** MADE ME COMMANDER OF ISRAEL'S ARMY — DESPITE MY CLAIM TO HIS THRONE — I HAVE NOT BEEN IN A POSITION EITHER TO ADVISE OR TO OPPOSE HIM. BESIDES, SINCE SOLOMON IS KING, HE CAN DO NO WRONG!



WE HAD HOPED, YOUR HIGHNESS, FOR SOMETHING MORE...

OH, YOU HAVE MY SYMPATHIES! MY BEST WISHES, TOO!







YOUR MAJESTY CANNOT AFFORD THAT LUXURY! AS QUEEN, YOU MUST LOVE YOUR COUNTRY—YOUR DUTY—FIRST OF ALL! YOU CAME TO DESTROY SHEBA'S ENEMY: YOUR DUTY DEMANDS IT STILL!



YOU ARE RIGHT, BALTOR! I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO RUN—FROM THE REAL WORLD INTO A DREAM! BUT I CANNOT YET KILL MY LOVE FOR HIM!

THEN—STRIKE! SWIFTLY, DECISIVELY AT THE ENEMY—IF YOU KNOW HOW!



I KNOW HOW! I HAVE KNOWN FOR DAYS HOW TO DESTROY SOLOMON—AT THE HANDS OF HIS OWN PEOPLE! LEAVE ME NOW, BALTOR, TO MY PAIN—AND TO MY DUTY!



THAT EVENING... ON SOLOMON'S TERRACE...

MAGDA! I WILL PLEDGE YOU MY LOVE BEFORE ALL ISRAEL... IN MARRIAGE! IF YOU LOVE ME... NOTHING STANDS BETWEEN US!

NOT EVEN OUR GODS? HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THEM, SOLOMON?



I HAVE HOPED THAT, IN TIME, YOU WOULD ACCEPT THE ONE TRUE GOD, **JEHOVAH!**

A DREAM, SOLOMON! WOULD YOU ABANDON JEHOVAH FOR MY GODS?



NO! SOLOMON, MY LOVE, I MUST LEAVE ISRAEL, TOMORROW! THE TIME HAS COME FOR OUR YEARLY FEAST TO HONOR **RHA-GON!**

MAGDA! I WILL NOT LET YOU GO!

















YOU HAVE BROKEN  
GOD'S COVENANT  
AND COMMANDMENTS:  
"THOU SHALT HAVE  
NO OTHER GODS  
BEFORE ME!"

AND THIS: "THOU  
SHALT NOT MAKE  
UNTO THEE ANY  
GRAVEN IMAGE...  
THOU SHALT NOT  
BOW DOWN THYSELF  
TO THEM NOR  
SERVE THEM!"



AND I WILL HURL A COMMANDMENT OF GOD  
IN YOUR FACES: "THOU SHALT NOT KILL!"  
BUT MURDER WAS ATTEMPTED AGAINST THE  
QUEEN OF SHEBA WITH THIS ISRAELITE DAGGER!



FOR THIS REASON I HAVE GIVEN SHEBA  
PERMISSION TO HOLD HER RITE IN THE  
FOREST OF SETH! AND FOR THIS REASON  
I SHALL ATTEND THE RITE MYSELF!



YOU WOULD  
DARE-?

AFTER THIS I WOULD  
DARE ANYTHING! I WILL  
SHOW YOU THAT I AM  
KING OF ISRAEL—  
NOT YOU!



YOU WILL BE  
CAST FROM  
YOUR THRONE,  
SOLOMON!

YOU WILL CRY OUT YOUR  
REPENTANCE IN THE STREETS;  
BUT THE EARS AND HEARTS  
OF YOUR PEOPLE WILL BE  
CLOSED AGAINST YOU!



OH, MY LORD! MY DEAR LORD!  
YOU CANNOT DO THIS THING  
AGAINST YOUR PEOPLE—  
AGAINST YOUR OWN  
CONSCIENCE—!

SILENCE,  
ABISHAG!





THAT NIGHT, IN THE FOREST OF SETH, THE SACRED RITE OF THE SHEBANS BEGINS.



MAGDA! MAGDA! BELOVED OF RHA-GON!



MAGDA, OUR QUEEN! RHA-GON CALLS THEE!



RHA-GON!  
RHA-GON!



THE BEAT OF PAGAN MUSIC REACHES FROM THE FOREST TO SOLOMON'S TERRACE — THROBBING THROUGH THE NIGHT.

NO!

ABISHAG! MY DOOR WAS CLOSED! YOU INTRUDE!

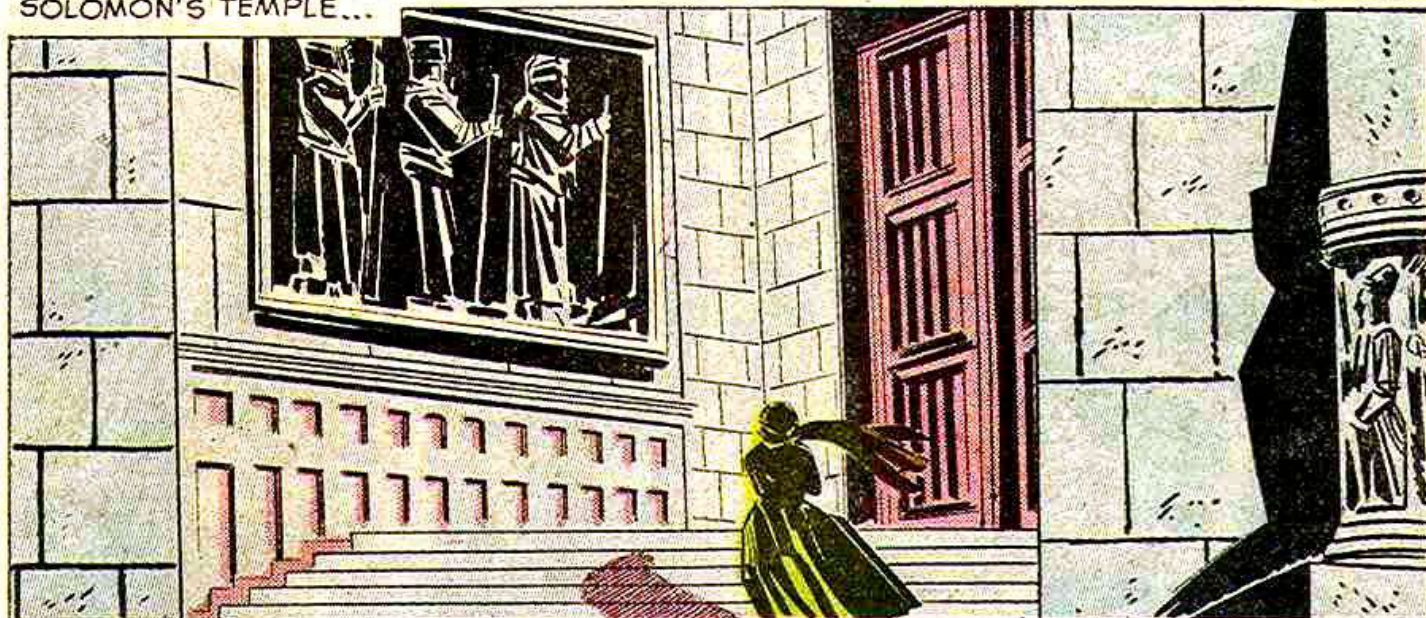








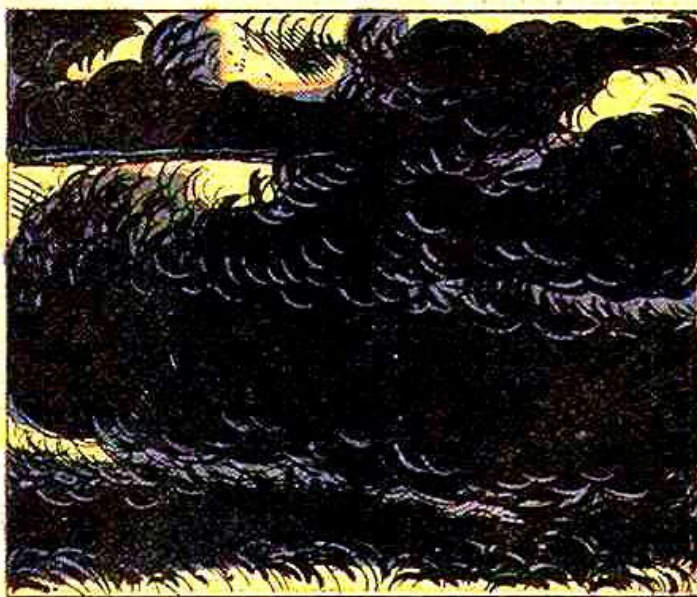
AS THE PAGAN RITE APPROACHES ITS CLIMAX, ABISHAG'S GRIEVING, LONELY FIGURE ENTERS SOLOMON'S TEMPLE...



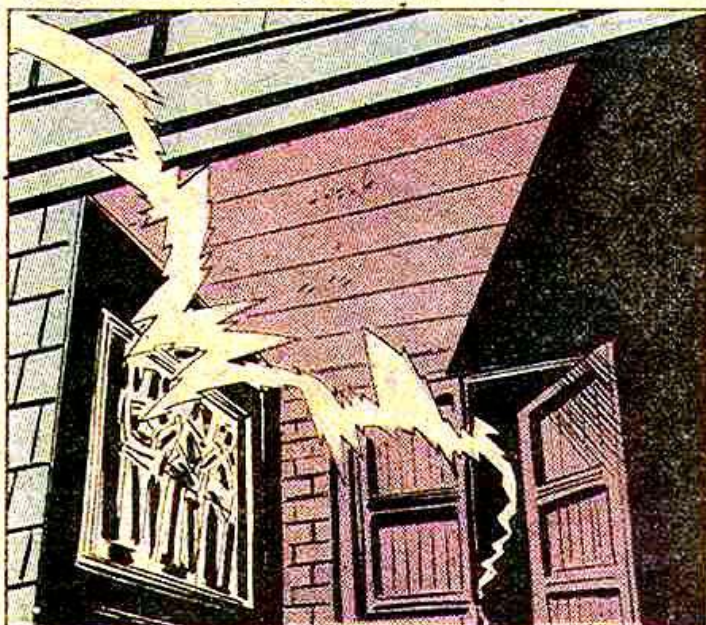
LORD GOD, HEAR THE PRAYER OF THINE HANDMAIDEN! LET NOT THY WRATH DESCEND UPON THE KING! BUT IF IT BE THY WILL TO PUNISH HIM, LET IT FALL UPON ME — IN HIS STEAD!



ABOVE JERUSALEM A MIGHTY WIND RISES. DARK CLOUD MASSES HIDE THE MOON!



LIKE A FLASHING SPEAR, LIGHTNING STRIKES INTO THE HOUSE OF GOD...



... AND BEFORE THE SANCTUARY A SMALL, STILL FORM LIES—DEAF TO THE ROLLING THUNDER!



**BAR-ROOM! BOOM! BOOM!**



AN INSTANT LATER - A SECOND BOLT!



IT IS - THE WRATH - OF GOD!

IT IS HIS PUNISHMENT FOR MY GUILT... FOR COMING HERE AS PHARAOH'S AGENT--TO DESTROY YOU!

THE GUILT IS MINE, MAGDA!



AT DAYBREAK - IN THE TEMPLE...

THE BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT! SHED BEFORE THE SANCTUARY, TO WASH OUT YOUR SIN, SOLOMON!

WHY? WHY DID HE NOT STRIKE ME?



MY DAUGHTER'S LIFE... GIVEN FOR YOURS!

A LAMB - A LAMB WITHOUT SPOT! HER BLOOD IS FOREVER ON MY SOUL! OH, ABISHAG, ABISHAG!



THE HAND OF GOD IS UPON HIM, AHAB! LEAVE HIM ALONE!





IS IT POSSIBLE, O PHARAOH, THAT YOU HAVE HAD NO MESSAGE FROM **SHEBA**? SHE HAS SENT NO REPORT OF ALL THAT **I** HAVE TOLD YOU? THAT ALL ISRAEL IS ROUSED AGAINST SOLOMON AND HIS ROYAL "GUEST"?

NO, ADONIJAH!



PERHAPS IN THE JOYS OF HER NEW LOVE, SHE HAS FORGOTTEN HER PROMISE TO YOUR MAJESTY! PERHAPS HER **REAL ALLIANCE** IS NOW WITH SOLOMON! GIVEN TIME, SHE COULD MAKE HIM TOO STRONG FOR YOU!



YOU HAVE TOLD ME EVERYTHING EXCEPT YOUR **PRICE** - FOR MY SUPPORT AGAINST YOUR BROTHER! WHAT IS IT, ADONIJAH?

COMMAND OF THE ARMY YOU SEND AGAINST SOLOMON! AND, OF COURSE, THE CROWN OF ISRAEL!



I GRANT IT! AND THERE IS ONE THING I WANT FROM **YOU**! THE PUNISHMENT OF **SHEBA** FOR HAVING BETRAYED ME!



NOW, LET US DRINK - TO ISRAEL'S NEW KING!

AND TO **VICTORY** - FOR PHARAOH'S ARMS!





DAYS LATER — IN SOLOMON'S STUDY...

WE SAW THEM, YOUR MAJESTY — EGYPTIANS! A COLUMN STRETCHING FROM HORIZON TO HORIZON! IT IS WAR!

IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED!



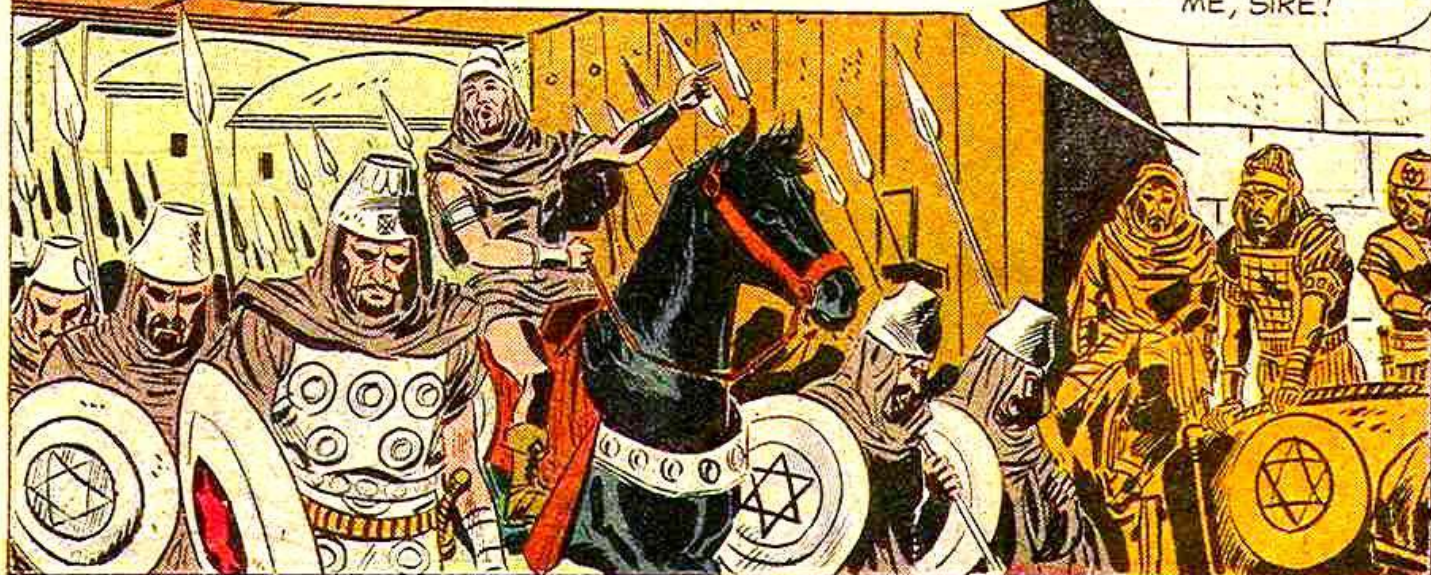
JOSIAH, GIVE THE ORDER TO MOVE OUT! WE WILL MEET THE ENEMY — A DAY'S MARCH INTO THE DESERT!

YES, SIRE!



WE ARE TOO FEW, JOSIAH! YET MY FATHER, DAVID, SLEW THE GIANT GOLIATH WITH A SHEPHERD'S SLING!

BUT GOD WAS WITH DAVID! UH— FORGIVE ME, SIRE!



TOWARD SUNDOWN, THIRTY MILES FROM JERUSALEM — ADONIJAH!

HIGHNESS, SOLOMON'S ARMY HAS BEEN SIGHTED — AN HOUR'S MARCH FROM HERE!

HAH! THEN THEY HAVE MARCHED SINCE DAWN — AND WE ARE FRESH! DEPLOY FOR ATTACK!





THREE EGYPTIAN WEDGES SPLIT THE RANKS OF ISRAEL AT THE VERY START OF BATTLE.



THERE! MY BROTHER, ADONIJAH — WITH THE ENEMY! CHARGE HIM, JOSIAH!

IF WE CAN, SIRE! THERE ARE MANY BETWEEN US!

BUT BEFORE THE ROYAL BROTHERS CAN MEET THE BATTLE IS LOST!

SWEPT ALONG WITH A FLEEING REMNANT OF HIS FORCE, SOLOMON HIDES HIS DESPAIR...



TAKE COVER, MEN! SAVE WHAT YOU CAN!





SOLOMON'S MEN HAVE  
SCATTERED, YOUR  
HIGHNESS! TOMORROW  
WE CAN HUNT THEM  
DOWN!

PAH! I'VE NO TIME  
FOR A RABBIT HUNT,  
JOAB! THE REWARD I  
HAVE POSTED WILL  
BRING ME SOLOMON'S  
HEAD!



WE'LL LEAVE FOR JERUSALEM AT ONCE  
— WITH A SMALL, SWIFT-MOVING  
ESCORT! THERE WILL BE NONE IN  
THE CITY TO DENY ME THE CROWN!

AS  
YOU SAY,  
SIRE!



ELI!  
ELI!

BALTOR!  
WHAT IS THAT  
WAILING OF  
VOICES IN  
THE CITY?

A SIGN THAT IT IS TIME  
FOR YOUR MAJESTY  
TO LEAVE — TO SAVE  
YOURSELF WHILE YOU  
CAN! WORD HAS COME  
OF SOLOMON'S DEFEAT!  
AND ISRAEL WILL SOON  
TURN FROM MOURNING  
TO **BLAMING YOU!**



BUT, ALONE, AND UNHARMED SHEBA REACHES  
THE TEMPLE, DESERTED AT THIS HOUR...



SOLOMON — DEFEATED!  
THEN, I KNOW WHAT I  
MUST DO! STAND  
ASIDE, BALTOR!

NO! I BEG YOUR  
MAJESTY! IT IS  
YOUR LIFE IF YOU  
ARE RECOGNIZED!



GOD OF ISRAEL, UNSEEN, ALL-KNOWING,  
COMPASSIONATE — FORGIVE MY SIN AGAINST  
THEE! GRANT ME THE LIFE OF SOLOMON!  
GIVE HIM VICTORY OVER HIS ENEMIES! DO  
THIS, AND I WILL HAVE NO OTHER GODS  
BEFORE THEE — NOT EVEN IN THE LAND  
OF SHEBA!





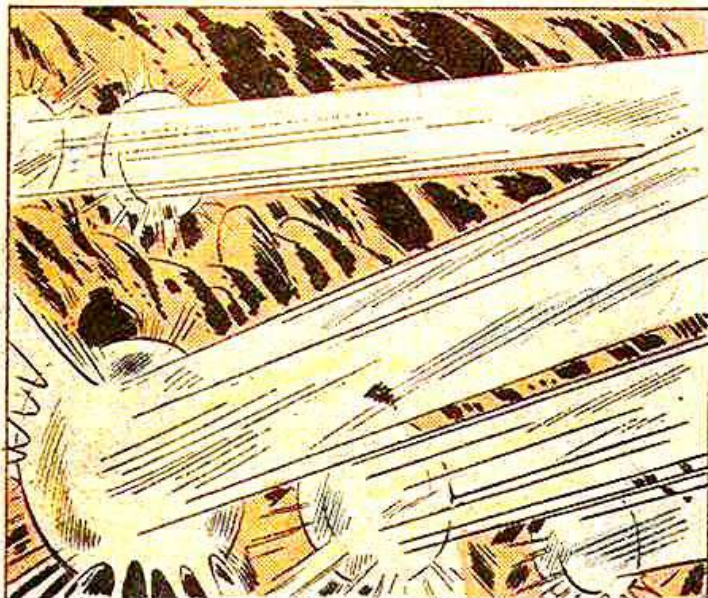


WITH THE SUN'S BRIGHT ORB BEHIND THEM, THE EGYPTIANS SIGHT THE RANKS OF ISRAEL... BUT NOT THE HIDDEN RAVINE...





AT SOLOMON'S ORDER, THE SHIELDS OF ISRAEL, POLISHED LIKE MIRRORS, BLAZE WITH LIGHT!



AIEE! MY EYES!

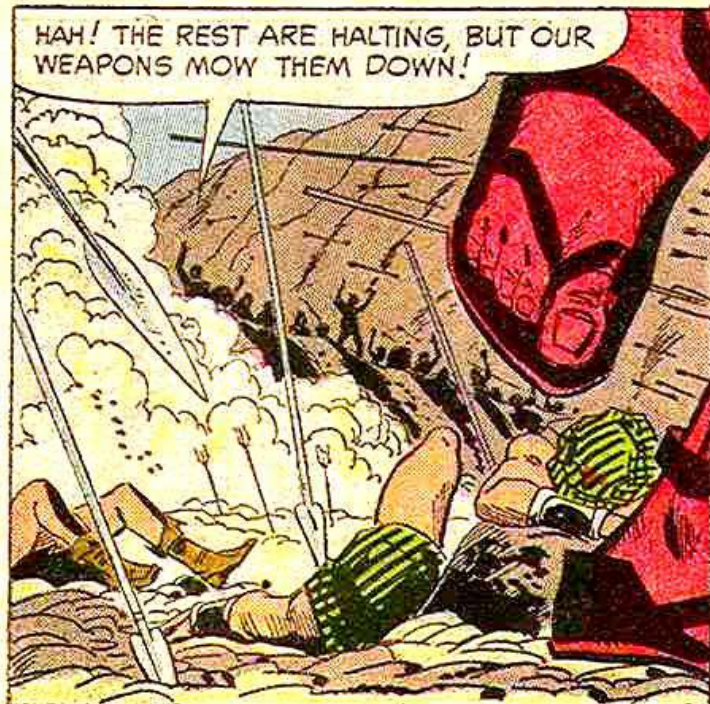
MAGIC! THEY HURL MAGIC AT US! DRIVE ON!



BLINDED BY THE REFLECTING SHIELDS, THE EGYPTIAN FRONT CRASHES INTO THE CANYON, PUSHED BY THE WEIGHT OF CHARGING RANKS BEHIND IT!



HAA! THE REST ARE HALTING, BUT OUR WEAPONS MOW THEM DOWN!



THEY BREAK, SIRE! THEY DRAW BACK—SHATTERED BY OUR ARROWS, BLINDED!

THOU, LORD GOD, ART OUR STRENGTH AND OUR SALVATION! OH SEARCH MY HEART—GRANT ME FORGIVENESS!







UNEXPECTEDLY, OF HER OWN FREE WILL, SHEBA APPEARS!

BUT AT THAT MOMENT — THROUGH THE CITY GATES!





LIKE A FRESH WIND, THE GOOD NEWS SWEEPS THROUGH THE MOB, TURNING ITS ANGER TO REJOICING ...



BUT ADONIJAH'S SURPRISE TURNS SWIFTLY TO FURY!



BUT JUSTICE GUIDES THE BLADE OF SOLOMON!





WHEN NONE BELIEVED THAT YOU AND ISRAEL COULD BE SAVED — *SHE* KNELT BEFORE THE SANCTUARY — PRAYING THAT YOU MIGHT BE SPARED!



...FOR *THINE* IS THE POWER AND THE GLORY — FOREVER!

AMEN!



NOW YOU SHALL BE QUEEN OF ISRAEL — AND SIT BESIDE ME AS MY WIFE!

NO, SOLOMON, I PROMISED THE LORD GOD JEHOVAH THAT I WOULD RETURN TO MY OWN LAND AND RULE IT FOR *HIM* — FOR THAT HE GAVE ME YOUR LIFE, AND HIS FORGIVENESS!



... THAT *THY* WAY MAY BE KNOWN UPON EARTH, O GOD! MAKE *THY* FACE TO SHINE UPON US ... AND BLESS US!



BLESS US, O LORD, WITH PEACE! FOR *THINE* ANGER IS BUT FOR A MOMENT — BUT *THY* LOVE IS FOREVER! WEEPING MAY ENDURE FOR A NIGHT, BUT JOY COMETH IN THE MORNING!



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# The KINGS of ISRAEL

THE **JUDGES** OF ISRAEL, LEADERS WHO HELPED THE NATION THROUGH 450 YEARS OF NEAR ANARCHY FOLLOWING JOSHUA'S DEATH, INCLUDED **SAMSON**, WHO DEFEATED AN ENEMY COLUMN SINGLE-HANDED, HIS ONLY WEAPON THE JAW BONE OF AN ASS.



FINALLY THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ASKED THE PROPHET SAMUEL TO CHOOSE THEM A KING WHO WOULD UNIFY AND RULE THEM AND MAKE THEM LIKE OTHER NATIONS... THE CHOICE FELL UPON **SAUL** — A SHY, HANDSOME GIANT... LATER, HIS POWER WENT TO SAUL'S HEAD; HE HAD FITS OF MELANCHOLY AND MURDEROUS RAGE!



UNDER **SOLOMON**, DAVID'S SON, ISRAEL ROSE TO HER HIGHEST PEAK OF WEALTH AND POWER... SOLOMON BECAME WORLD-FAMOUS FOR HIS WISDOM, BUT IN HIS OLD AGE HE TURNED TO IDOL-WORSHIP... THIS BROUGHT DIVINE ANGER UPON HIM AND UPON THE NATION WHICH SHARED HIS GUILT.



AFTER SAUL'S DEATH, DAVID BECAME ISRAEL'S IMMENSELY POPULAR WARRIOR-KING. HE UNITED ALL TWELVE TRIBES INTO A GREAT MILITARY POWER — AND ACQUIRED MORE LASTING FAME AS THE "SWEET SINGER OF ISRAEL," AUTHOR OF MANY INSPIRED PSALMS.



FOLLOWING SOLOMON'S DEATH, ALL BUT THE TRIBE OF JUDAH REVOLTED AGAINST THE THRONE AND FORMED A SEPARATE NATION OF ISRAEL... WAR FOLLOWED CIVIL WAR! THE TWO KINGDOMS WERE GRADUALLY OVERWHELMED BY THEIR EASTERN NEIGHBORS: ISRAEL WIPED OUT IN 721 B.C.; JUDAH IN 582 B.C.







## SOLOMON AND SHEBA



Across the Red Sea, two nations face each other with tense apprehension: one, mighty Egypt, an empire that began with the dawn of history, now master of the Middle East and bent on conquest; the other, young Israel, newly unified under King David and determined to survive under the wise leadership of King Solomon.

Each watches the other suspiciously to see which will make the first move.

Then Pharaoh makes an alliance with the beautiful Queen of Sheba, to destroy Israel with a bloody war.